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MEMORANDUM FOR: Chief, Manufacturing and Services Division, ORR

ATTENTION: [REDACTED] MB/TR

FROM: Chief, CIA/PID (NPIC)

SUBJECT: Railroad Study, USSR

REFERENCE: Requirement No. RR/298/62 (Project No. C 1103-62)

1. In response to Requirement No. RR/298/62 (C 1103-62), a study is being made of developments in the transportation facilities of selected locations and railroads in the USSR in order to furnish, on a continuing basis, intelligence useful in providing early warning of Soviet military mobilization against NATO.

2. Photo coverage of [REDACTED] of the railway transloading and support facilities in the Chop region (48 26N - 22 12E) reveals construction underway in both the Czechoslovakian and Hungarian transloading areas. In the Czechoslovakia site, additional trackage has been added from the west end of the main yard to the mainline of the railway running westward. This is a turning wye at the end of the northwestern extension of tracks from this yard.

3. Several additions have been made along the mainline south of Zahony. An addition, east of the north end of the main yard was noted on coverage of [REDACTED]. Also there was a second transloading yard about a mile long with up to 12 tracks lying immediately west of this line and 3.5 nm south of the main Zahony yard. A third, probable holding, yard also west of the mainline south of Zahony extends from 5 nm to 6.5 nm southward and includes several tracks.

4. Recent coverage [REDACTED] reveals a bypass of the Chop yard under construction between the Chop-Mukachevo line, from approximately 3 nm southeast of the Chop yards, to the Zahony line approximately 1.5 nm south of the main Zahony yard. A wye configuration here will permit access to the main Zahony yard to the north and to the second and third yards which are further south. A fourth, probable holding, yard appears to be under construction along the bypass near the Zahony line. The bypass, which is about 8 nm long, will also have connection with the single track line from the main Zahony yard southward toward Vasarospanyeny. The railway bridge over the Tisza River is under construction.

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5. The photo analysis on this project was performed by [REDACTED]
CIA/PID/GMB (NPIC), who may be contacted on [REDACTED] for any additional
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